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TO HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN MARIANA ISLANDS PRIORITY 0168

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E.O. 11652: GDS-84

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SUBJECT: LETTER OF JULY 10, 1978

FROM AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT

, FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT FROM LONG LETTER I AM SENDING
YOU TODAY:

"AS YOU KNOW, THE CFPST IS VERY INTERESTED IN STARTING
TRANSITION DISCUSSIONS AND I'M SURE THAT THE MIPSC AND
PPSC WILL BE TOO IF THEY SURVIVE THE REFERENDUM. YOUR
ROLE WILL OF COURSE BE CENTRAL TO TRANSITION PLANNING AS
WELL AS IMPLEMENTATION. MINE, HOWEVER, IS THE IMMEDIATE
BURDEN OF GETTING THE PROCESS ROLLING, IN TANDEM WITH THE
NEGOTIATION OF THE POLITICAL STATUS TOWARD WHICH TRAN-
SITION LEADS. UNTIL THE COMPACT IS SIGNED, WE MUST
APPROACH TRANSITION FROM A PERSPECTIVE OF HOW IT CAN BEST
BE TIED IN WITH STILL FLUID NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE TAKING
STEPS HERE TO ESTABLISH AN INTERAGENCY TRANSITION GROUP
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THAT CAN (1) START TO DEVELOP POSITIONS FROM A USG/TT
GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW AND (2) INTERACT WITH THE
MICRONESIAN TRANSITION GROUP(S). I SHOULD LIKE TO WRITE

PETRUS TUN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CFPST'S
TRANSITION COMMITTEE, TO SAY THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED
AT SAIPAN TO FORM AN AD HOC JOINT US-MICRONESIAN

TRANSITION COMMITTEE; AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE SAME
POINT MORE INFORMALLY WITH THE MARSHALLESE AND PALAUANS
WHEN I SEE THEM DURING MY JULY 14-23 TRIP. I SEE
CONSIDERABLE VALUE IN HAVING A FIRST TRANSITION SESSION
WITH THE MICRONESIANS DURING THE SAIPAN ROUND, EVEN IF
SUCH A MEETING IS ONLY EXPLORATORY."

, CONCURRENCE TO THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH I HAVE
DISCUSSED WITH RUTH VAN CLEVE, IS OF COURSE ESSENTIAL.
I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR WIRING YOUR REACTION SO THAT --
IF YOU AGREE -- I CAN GET THE LETTER TO TUN OUT BEFORE
MY JULY 14 DEPARTURE. VANCE

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